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Dear Chancellor/President:

As a follow up to our inaugural National Discussion on Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment at America's Colleges, Universities, and Service Academies, we are excited to provide our way forward and encourage you to save the date for next year's event which will be held on April 1-2, 2020, at the United States Military Academy (USMA) at West Point, New York.

This year's discussion, hosted by the Secretaries of the Navy, Army, and Air Force was held April 4-5, 2019, at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland. We had more than 125 colleges, universities, and Service Academies represented along with several members of Congress, members of the military, and subject matter experts in the area of sexual assault and sexual harassment prevention. Across these two days, dozens of panelists, keynote speakers, and breakout sessions highlighted best practices concerning these destructive behaviors.

Each Service Secretary personally committed to ensuring that America's colleges, universities, and Service Academies are safe and inclusive learning environments free from sexual harassment and sexual assault. At the Presidents' dinner, twelve Presidents and Service Academy Superintendents signed a statement of commitment: to share evidence-based practices; identify the contributing social and environmental factors; cultivate a network of senior leaders, experts, and dynamic thinkers; and identify policies and procedures to analyze related data.

We invite you to make this same commitment. You can join your fellow leaders by joining the National Alliance to Prevent Sexual Assault (NAPSA) working group hosted at <https://www.apan.org/>. Create your free account and request membership in the group by searching for "NAPSA" in the search bar at the top of the page. Once your membership is approved, request entry to the Presidents Corner where you can make your commitment visible.

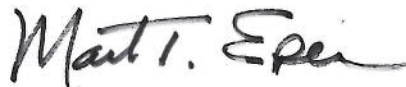
We strive to advance the open and frank discussions started at the national discussion. To achieve this goal, after receiving feedback from attendees at the event, we plan to co-host regional discussions, with interested colleges and universities. Metrics and program evaluation will be our initial focus in the coming months with the State University of New York volunteering to host our first event for the New England and Mid-Atlantic Region.

Together, we can build a lasting and interactive network of senior leaders, experts, and dynamic thinkers to coordinate and share our experiences, both successful and challenging, and discover best practices that can be used in our own educational environments. We urge you to make it a priority to join us and your fellow presidents at next year's National Discussion.

The Department of the Army will lead next year's national discussion. More information is forthcoming. We thank you for participation, ongoing engagement, and look forward to seeing you in our online NAPSA community and next year at United State Military Academy.



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